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COUNCIL MEETING

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WHEN WE SAW BUTLER (DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FCO IN CHARGE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION) ON ANOTHER MATTER AUGUST 1, WE ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON EC-GREECE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING. BUTLER, WHO WAS AT MEETING, SAID GREEKS PLAYING THEIR CARDS VERY WELL. IN FACT, HE SAID, THEY SEEKING TO FOLLOW MONET'S ADVICE TO BRITISH TO GET IN FIRST AND NEGOTIATE AFTERWARDS. TACTICS WERE SO OBVIOUS THAT BUTLER SAID HE HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO COMMENT TO GREEK CONFIDENTIAL

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DEL THAT "COMMUNITY COULD ONLY STAND ONE RENEGOTIATION." BUTLER'S COMMENTS SUBSTANTIATED PARAS 6 AND 7 REFTEL.

COMMISSION EXAMINATION OF GREEK APPLICATION WILL BE THOROUGH AND DELIBERATE. OTHER MEMBERS AGREE THAT EVENTUAL GREEK ADMISSION IS INEVITABLE, BUT WOULD PREFER IT LATER THAN SOONER. FORTUNATELY, SAID BUTLER, GREEKS THEMSELVES HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN TO EXAMINE THE BODY OF COMMUNITY REGULATIONS AND THE STEPS THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE TO ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO IT.

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